

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

New Year, New Media

For those who enjoy spending time online, why not check out St. Paul's new **Facebook Page**? This is a great way to stay connected and up to date with what's happening here at St. Paul's, even if you can't always make it out on Sunday. <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsrothesaycanada/> (Help us spread the word by "liking" us online as well.)

Family-Friendly Potluck

If you are looking for a way to share some good food and fellowship with other young families in the parish, now is your chance.

Next Sunday, February 12 at 4:30pm, we will be having another **Family-Friendly Potluck** here at St. Paul's. This event is intended to be pretty informal; simply sharing a meal and spending some time together. We'll have some activities ready for the kids to enjoy as well.

If you are interested in joining us, please connect with Rob Montgomery in person, by email (rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca), or by phone at 506-608-1772.

A Word from Rob, our Family & Youth Minister

Do you have a heart for young people? Are you looking for ways use your talents and passions in the Church? Can you see the need for nurturing faith in all sorts of contexts? If so, I would really like to hear from you.

We are currently exploring ways to build up the ministries to Families, Children & Youth here at St. Paul's, and it may just be that *you* are part of the answer to our prayers. We can connect through email, the phone, or we can even chat over coffee or tea.

Warm-Hearted Walk on a Cold Night

The Youth Group will be participating in the "Coldest Night of the Year" fundraiser held in Saint John on **Saturday February 25**. If you are interested in sponsoring some of us, **or joining us**, please connect with Rob Montgomery. This event is hosted locally by Outflow, and helps raise money and awareness for those struggling with basic necessities in communities across Canada. (For more information, check out their website at <https://canada.cnoy.org/home>).

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PAUL'S

Activity Bags are available for children remaining in Church
Sunday School welcomes kids ages 3+ during our 10 am service
Our **Nursery Room** is always ready for parents to use if they wish

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Ages 12+ **Friday 7-9pm** at the Church Everyone Welcome

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... **Hadley Wood** has offered his resignation as contact person for the Cortland Place property. He has held this position for 5 years. Of course, Hadley served the Parish wonderfully in this capacity, attending to property improvements and Condo association meetings. We thank him sincerely a reminder that the 3rd **Shannex Tea**, will be held Wed. Feb 8 at 3 pm ... the **Mission Within the Parish Committee** will be meeting Tue, Feb 7 at 7:30 pm, at the home of Lew Hounsell, 4 Matscot Court ... we recently had some correspondence with a former parishioner, **Wendy Wang**. She is living on a farm in rural Saskatchewan. She sent some pictures of the produce of her wonderful vegetable garden, as well as some scenes from around the farm. She has settled into a church congregation and generally seems to be adjusting. She sends her best wishes.....We also had a note from **Jon Dykeman** this past week. He is working at an Anglican church in Toronto as a youth worker. He and Yenny enjoyed their first Christmas together with a brief trip to New York City ... the crew, under the capable direction of **Don Crawford** made great progress on the narthex this past week. You will see the new lighting, the painting of the narthex, cloak room and entrance to the "Quasi Modo" room, refinishing of the tables, the "hanging of the Rectors", stripping of the floors and new coat hangers, have all been completed. We are waiting for the new heaters to arrive, as well as some more thought about the use of the wall space. We express to Don and all the Crawford family the appreciation of the Parish for this significant improvement. We hope to officially bless the gift in the spring ...several people have been asking me about my father, Walter. I was over to PEI this past week to help make arrangements for Dad to enter a Nursing Home in Summerside. His biggest challenge is mobility, and it looks like a wheelchair will be a constant companion. A challenge for everyone, but we are hopeful that he will enjoy the social interaction of the home, as well as the needed nursing care ... *that's some news, from our pews. ALS.*



Wendy Wang's new home in Saskatchewan.

PARISH NOTES

Notes from the Jan 29 Vestry Meeting

The Parish Vestry was called to an extra meeting to address a few outstanding issues before the Annual General Meeting of the Parish.

- Vestry reviewed the parish financial statements for 2016, as well as the budgets for 2017. The statements will now be passed along to our auditor, Michael Maloney, and then presented at the Annual Meeting on Feb 19. The Parish ended the year with a modest positive balance, on a budget of \$330,000.
- *The Parish Advisory Committee*, who are charged with meeting with Bishop Edwards regarding the appointment of the new Rector was formed: **Ann Bishop, Bruce Cook, Debra Godlewski, Peter Irish and Pam Iype** were elected. The first step for the committee is to meet with Archdeacon Rob Marsh and begin the process of producing a Parish Profile. They hope to meet with the Archdeacon within the next week. Please be in prayer for this committee and their important responsibilities.
- Vestry looked with approval at the wonderful progress being made in the refreshment of the narthex of the church.

A Prayer for a New Rector

Shepherd of souls, give to us for the leadership of your Church in this parish, a person after your own heart:

a priest of faith and prayer, filled with your Holy Spirit;

a priest of vision, wisdom and sound judgment;

a priest with a pastoral heart and love for people.

Prepare the priest of your choice for their ministry among us, and prepare us for their coming; and bless our Bishop and committee as they discern together your holy and blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 19

The meeting will follow a light lunch after the 10 am service.

Everyone is asked to attend.

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I won't let anyone blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine
I won't let anyone blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine
I won't let anyone blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

BEYOND THE PARISH

Watoto Children's Choir

Saturday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. Join Stone Church, Carleton St, Saint John for the **Watoto Children's Choir's** new Signs and Wonders worship experience. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear these young Ugandan children, orphans who have been given a chance to dance and sing their way to a new life. A love offering will be taken up to support this good cause.

Annual Mystery Auction & Supper

Please join us in the Holy Trinity Church hall, Hammond River, for our annual Mystery Auction and Supper on **Sat, Feb 18**. A supper of beans and brown bread will be served at 5:30 pm with the auction starting at 7 pm. Our very gifted auctioneer is the truly hilarious Canon David Barrett! We are looking for items to auction so if you have household items or a Christmas gift that you may not want please wrap it up and bring it with you for the auction or drop it off at Holy Trinity. Call 847-0850 or 849-3453 for more information! Bring a Friend! All proceeds are for Holy Trinity Mission Projects - of which there are many!

A Wonderful Opportunity for Young Singers

The New Brunswick Youth Choir will take place May 19 – 21 at Mount Allison University. The clinician this year is Marta McCarthy. The choir is open to singers between the ages of 16 and 24. It is an exceptional weekend of training and education in choral performance. Applications are due, February 22. There will be auditions for the choir. For complete details email Leo Macneil at nbchoralfed@gmail.com or visit <https://nbcfsite.wordpress.com/new-brunswick-youth-choir-2017/>